

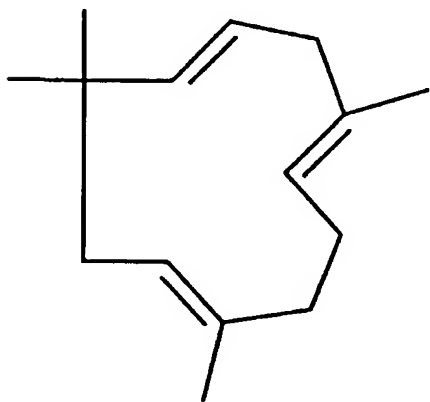
Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlining for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

1. (Original) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising as an active ingredient at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract and a dokudami (houltuynia herb) extract.

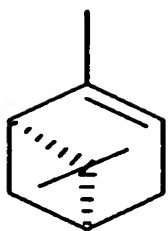
2. (Original) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising a licorice extract as an active ingredient.

3. (Original) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising as an active ingredient at least one compound selected from the group consisting of α -humulene represented by formula (1):



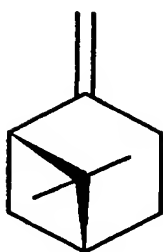
(1)

α -pinene represented by formula (2):



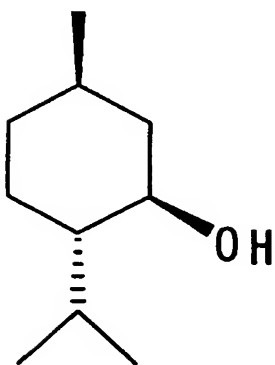
(2)

β -pinene represented by formula (3):



(3)

and L-menthol represented by formula (4):



(4)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Original) A composition for promoting interleukin production comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.

5. (Original) A composition for immunostimulation comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.

6. (Original) A composition for preventing or treating an infectious disease comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition according to ~~any one of claims 4 to 6~~claim 4, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.

8. (Original) A method for promoting interleukin production in mammal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract, a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract, a licorice extract, a compound represented by formula (1), a compound represented by formula (2), a compound represented by formula (3), and a compound represented by formula (4) to mammal that need them.

9. (Original) A method for stimulating immunity in mammal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract, a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract, a licorice extract, a compound represented by formula (1), a compound represented by formula (2), a compound represented by formula (3), and a compound represented by formula (4) to mammal that need them.

10. (Original) A method for preventing or treating an infectious disease in mammal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract, a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract, a licorice extract, a compound represented by formula (1), a compound

represented by formula (2), a compound represented by formula (3), and a compound represented by formula (4) to mammal that need them.

11. (New) The composition according to claim 5, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.

12. (New) The composition according to claim 6, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.